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DEAR SIR:—The Massachusetts State Board of Health desire to investigate and report upon the present epidemic of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. You will greatly facilitate their labors by answering, as far as in your power and at your earliest convenience, the following questions, and returning this paper to

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE DERBY, M. D., *Secretary.*

102 CHARLES STREET, BOSTON, June 3d, 1873.

*P. S.—For greater convenience of record, when a considerable number of cases have been observed, a tabular form, with headings indicating the principal points of information desired, is herewith presented.*

1. How many cases of this disease have come within your knowledge or observation within the present year? (If no cases have been observed, please give a negative reply.)
2. State the sex, nationality, age, and occupation of the patients.
3. Character of the attack, whether sudden or otherwise.
4. Stage of the disease when the patient was first seen.
5. The earlier and later symptoms.
6. The duration of the disease.
7. The treatment.
8. The result.
9. The post-mortem developments, when obtained.
10. Name of the attending physician.
11. Has the disease prevailed among *animals*,—horses, cows, hens, &c.? If so, please state the symptoms and pathological appearances when possible.
12. General remarks upon the case, *with especial reference to its supposed origin or cause*. In this connection a detailed account of the locality, hygienic conditions and circumstances of the patient,—his home and home surroundings, living-rooms, cellar, sinks and privies, nature of the soil, drainage, character of the water used for drinking and culinary purposes, &c., &c.,—is especially desired.

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**TABULAR STATEMENT of Cases of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis occurring in Massachusetts during the Epidemic of**

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